

**Amendments to the Specification**

- 1) Please replace the title with the following:

**Method and installation Methods and apparatus for the crust-freezing/  
cooling/deep-freezing treatment of products**

- 2) Please insert the following subtitle at page 1, below the title:

**Background**

- 3) Please insert the following subtitle and text at page 3, line 15:

**Summary**

- 4) Please insert the following text at page 4, line 3:

The invention includes both methods and apparatus to achieve the desired results, as described, but is not limited to the various embodiments disclosed.

- 5) Please insert the following subtitle and text at page 4, after the above-inserted paragraph:

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

For a further understanding of the nature and objects for the present invention, reference should be made to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like elements are given the same or analogous reference numbers and wherein:

- Figure 1 illustrates a schematic view of one embodiment of a freezing apparatus with a vibrating support;
- Figure 2 illustrates a schematic view, according to one embodiment of the current invention, of a freezing apparatus with a vibrating support in downward sloping orientation;
- Figure 3 illustrates a schematic view, according to one embodiment of the current invention, of a freezing apparatus with a vibrating support in an upwardly sloping orientation;
- Figure 4 illustrates a schematic view, according to a second embodiment of the current invention, of a freezing apparatus with a vibrating support in a downward sloping orientation; and
- Figure 5 illustrates a schematic view, according to a second embodiment of the current invention, of a freezing apparatus with a vibrating support in an upwardly sloping orientation.

- 6) Please insert the following subtitle and text after the above-inserted paragraphs:

**Description of Preferred Embodiments**

The present invention relates to methods and apparatus for the total or partial freezing of a product, in particular a food product, by contacting at least one surface of the product with a cryogenic liquid located on a vibrating support.

- 7) Please delete the text found at page 6, lines 18 – 38.

- 8) Please insert the following paragraph at page 16, line 15:

It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.

- 9) Please replace the subtitle at page 17, line 1, with the following text:

**CLAIMS** What is claimed is: